technological upgradation, increase in the competitiveness of the Indian industry, removing restraints on capacity creation and giving impetus to push the economy towards the attainment of enterprenual and industrial potential. These measures will provide a further boost to overall industrial production and associated employment opportunities.

(b) It is difficult to estimate the number of unemployed youth who will get employment every year.

(c) According to the Index of Industrial Production compiled by the Central Statistical Organisation the overall rate of industrial growth was 8.4% during 1990-91 which was almost at the same level as that achieved in the last financial year. As mentioned above, the measures taken in the Industrial Policy will provide a further boost to overall industrial production.

(d) Government have also announced recently on 6th August, 1991, policy measures for promoting and strengthening Small, Tiny and Village industries. These measures comprise increase in the investment limit of Tiny enterprises from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs, a new scheme for integrated infrastructural development and market and export promotion measures and adequate flow of credit for promotion of village industries including Handloom and Handicraft sectors and expansion in the activities of KVI sector for setting up non-farm employment opportunities.

[English]

Equipment Development by National Environmental Engineering Research Institute

4844. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some equipment has been developed by the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur which ensures clean water from handpumps;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether its application in rural areas of the country will be very useful;

(d) whether the Government propose to make wide use of this instrument in rural areas of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) have developed a handpump attachable Iron Removal Plant (HP-IRP) which when attached to a handpump helps in reducing excess iron contents in the water to permissible limits. The evaluation results indicate that this system is capable of reducing iron contents from the level of 5 mg. per litre to less than 0.3 mg. per litre. It is a very useful in the areas where iron concentrations in the water are comparatively higher.

(d) to (f). The system is being made use of widely in the rural areas under national drinking water mission. 240 such plants have already been installed in the State of Assam under this programme.

[Translation]

Non-Availability of Wheat at Reasonable Rates

4845. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state: